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Internet hunting ban becomes law

LANSING – Hunting animals remotely via a computer has been made illegal in Michigan under legislation signed into law by the governor, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

“Protecting the integrity and challenge of outdoor hunting is of utmost importance as Internet hunting is simply a disgrace to the sport,” said McManus, sponsor of Senate Bill 373, now Public Act 110. “I’m glad to see the governor supporting conventional hunting values by signing this ban into law.”

McManus’ legislation is part of a three-bill package that makes it illegal to use a computer to remotely control a firearm or crossbow to hunt game or to operate a facility offering such services. The package also establishes penalties for violators.

“Hunting is a traditional staple of Michigan’s heritage and economy,” McManus said. “I’m proud we are upholding this time-honored tradition for future generations.”

Also signed into law were SB 620 and HB 4465, now PA 111 and 112.

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